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1. Portugal removes objection to Atlantic Pact--The Portuguese Foreign Minister has told US Ambassador MacVeagh that Portugal is satisfied that its desire to limit adherence to the Atlantic Pact to ten years is impracticable. The Foreign Minister emphasized that the duration of the Pact was the only point to which Portugal objected. He added, however, that several days must elapse before Portugal can reply to the Pact invitation because Spain has invoked the Luso-Spanish treaty which requires the two nations to consult on security matters. The Foreign Minister indicated that there is no disharmony between the Luso-Spanish treaty and the Atlantic Pact and added that "Portugal will not sacrifice her interests merely to please Spain."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that Spain may have sought to delay Portuguese entry into the Atlantic Pact in the hope of gaining a bargaining position favorable to Spanish inclusion in the Pact. CIA believes Portugal will sign despite Spanish opposition.)

2. Reported Soviet offer to cease Greek guerrilla aid--US Ambassador Grady in Athens transmits a report that the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara has informed his Greek colleague there that the USSR would stop aiding the Greek guerrillas if the Athens Government would guarantee not to support Tito if trouble breaks out in Yugoslavia. Grady cites the French Embassy in Athens as his source.

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(CIA Comment: CIA gives little credence to this report. The USSR has consistently denied that it is providing aid to the Greek guerrillas, and it is highly improbable that a Soviet diplomat would admit in this fashion that the USSR had intervened in the Greek civil war. If such an offer has actually been made, however, it would probably be a part of the war-of-nerves against Tito rather than a serious attempt to win the support of the violently anti-Soviet Greek Government in an intrigue against Yugoslavia.)

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